



DoD Recognizes Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Service Providers
Camp Pendleton Stands Out Among a Crowd of Dedicated Professionals

ARLINGTON, Va. – The Department of Defense (DoD) recently announced the 2013 winners of its Fire and Emergency Services Awards, which it uses to honor military firefighters and departments.

Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Services were recognized in two categories: Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif. won for DoD Large Fire Department of the Year, and Firefighter David Lewis of Camp Pendleton won for DoD Civilian Fire Fighter of the Year.

"This community is on duty 24 hours a day, every day, sometimes putting their own lives on the line while protecting those who defend America," said John Conger, assistant deputy undersecretary of Defense for Installations and Environment.

Last year, Camp Pendleton's department responded to 4,552 emergencies, and conducted 1,723 safety inspections. Calls it handled ranged from structure fires to multiple casualty motor vehicle accidents to individuals in sudden cardiac arrest.

"The continued commitment of our Marine Corps Fire and Emergency Service personnel exemplifies the sincere professionalism of all Marines, uniformed and civilian, and deserves our thanks. While this year's winners deserve special recognition, providing these services is a team effort," said Major General Juan G. Ayala, Commander of Marine Corps Installations Command (MCICOM). "Every day, these skilled personnel are ready and willing to risk their lives for others, and I commend them for their hard work and sacrifice."

MCICOM oversees 24 active duty installations, as well as Headquarters, Marine Corps Forces Reserve and multiple Reserve Centers which all have their own Fire and Emergency Services.

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